

communicate with the interior 20 of the body 12. Preferably, the bore 488 includes a seat 496 for support and is adapted to receive a standard screw 498 for hanging threaded rods (e.g., Sammy Super Screws® or HangerMate® screws). Notably, when hanging threaded rod, the rod (not shown) will extend downwardly through the bore 488 and into the interior 20 of the body 12. Preferably, this fourth alternative tool 460 includes a mounting portion 462 having at least one planar alignment face 464 and a tapered end 468. The tool 460 is therefore inserted and seated into the first connector 28 as previous discussed. A mounting channel 482 is also preferably disposed in the mounting portion 462 and is engagable by the locking screw 40 after insertion of the tool 460.

460 only

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) A pole apparatus comprising:
- 2 a telescoping body having an interior, an open end and a closed end, and
- 3 defining an aperture that permits access into said interior;
- 4 a first connector mounted on said open end of said body, said first connector
- 5 defining an axial bore in communication with said interior of said body and having a
- 6 locking apparatus adapted to extend into said axial bore;
- 7 a second connector mounted on said closed end of said body, said second
- 8 connector having a base and an arm extending outwardly from said base in axial
- 9 alignment with said body, said arm being engagable by a rotary tool; and
- 10 a tool having a mounting portion adapted to engage said first connector and
- 11 being removably secured to said first connector by said locking apparatus.
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Please cancel claims 3-6.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

- 1 7. (Amended) The pole apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first connector
as 2 further comprises a hexagonal side wall.

Please cancel claims 8-10.

Please add new claims 11-17 as follows:

- 1 11. (New) The pole apparatus of claim 1, wherein said locking apparatus
2 comprises a locking screw.

- 1 12. (New) The pole apparatus of claim 1, wherein said locking apparatus
2 comprises a quick disconnect system.

- 1 13. (New) The pole apparatus of claim 14, wherein said quick disconnect
2 system comprises a ball lock.

- 1 14. (New) The pole apparatus of claim 1, wherein said locking apparatus
2 comprises spring biased teeth.

- 1 15. (New) The pole apparatus of claim 1, wherein said locking apparatus
2 comprises spring biased pin.

1 16. (New) The pole apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second connector
2 further comprises a hexagonal surface.

1 17. (New) A pole apparatus comprising:
2 a telescoping body having an interior, an open end and a closed end;
3 a first connector mounted on said open end of said body, said first connector
4 having a locking apparatus;
5 a second connector mounted on said closed end of said body, said second
6 connector having a base and an arm extending outwardly from said base, said arm
7 being engageable by a rotary tool; and
8 a tool having a mounting portion adapted to engage said first connector and
9 being removably secured to said first connector by said locking apparatus.

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